

FSU's 15-12 win ugly but adorable

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You could have dressed this one up and it still would have been traffic-stopping ugly. But Mike Martin liked its personality.

Coming back from 4-0 and 9-4 deficits, the Seminoles beat South Alabama's Jaguars 15-12 in a baseball endurance classic Wednesday night at Seminole Stadium.

The game was nearly four hours long, with 22 walks, five errors, 30 hits, five home runs, nine pitchers and 23 runners left on base. And again, Martin could not have cared less because it was what his team needed — a victory.

The Seminoles, 29-11, have been struggling lately. With the eighth-ranked Florida Gators coming to town tonight for a single game, the comebacks may have been the right prescription to get FSU back on track.

"I don't care how long the games are if we win," Martin said. "I was very impressed with the way we fought."

FSU's first three pitchers — Kevin Smith, Steve Gelmine and Paul Thomas — had nothing but problems. They gave up four runs each. Smith was gone after two innings with FSU trailing 4-0. The Seminoles tied it at 4 in the third, keyed by Bien Figueroa's two-run homer.

Gelmine and Thomas got

smacked around in the fourth when South Alabama (11-12 on the season) went up 9-4. But the Seminoles, encouraged by an announced crowd of 1,021, pounded their way back with seven runs in the bottom of the inning. A two-run double by Paul Sorrento and a three-run homer by freshman catcher Ed Fulton were the big hits.

Thomas got the victory by surviving the three innings. Ray Revak, the only effective pitcher of the game, went the final 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, to get his third save.

The double-play combination of Figueroa and Luis Alicea were the offensive heroes this time. Figueroa had three hits and knocked in five runs. Alicea was 4 for 5 and drove in three.

But the victory aside, there was a question how long the depleted FSU pitching staff could survive the ravages of the long schedule. After Florida tonight, the Seminoles play a doubleheader against Georgia State here Friday night and then go to Memphis State for an important Metro Conference doubleheader Saturday and a single game Sunday.

"We can (survive) if we space these (kind of games) out," said pitching coach Mike McLeod of his staff.

Martin took a more macho approach.

"We don't care who we throw out there," he said. "We're trying to win every game we've got. We've told the pitchers to be ready."

And what of the ravages of a long game the night before Florida comes to town?

"There's no way you're drained,"

said Martin, "when the Gators come to town."

South Alabama					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Franklin,rf	5	4	4	0	Alicea,2b	5	3	4	3
Griffin,2b	3	2	1	2	Figueroa,ss	6	2	3	5
Dull,1b	4	1	1	0	Fazzini,lf	5	2	3	0
White,3b	4	0	2	2	Zoeller,1b	2	0	0	0
Thiege,c	4	1	1	3	Calandra,dh	5	1	2	1
Smmrmchr,rf	5	0	1	0	Marzan,3b	4	1	1	1
Crivellone,dh	4	1	1	1	Sorrento,rf	3	1	1	2
Graham,ss	4	2	1	0	Blackwell,c	2	0	0	0
Foss,cf	2	1	1	0	Jones,1b	3	0	0	0
Kahn,ph	1	0	0	0	Fulton,c	2	2	1	3

Perry,pr	0	0	0	0	Mangham,cf	2	3	1	0
Coor,3b	0	0	0	0	Totals	39	15	16	15
Ward,dh	1	0	0	0					
Hutchins,ph	0	0	0	0					
Hermann,cf	2	0	1	1					
Totals	39	12	14	9					

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E—Graham, Smith, Franklin, Zoeller, Marzan. LOB—S. Alabama 11, FSU 12. 2B—White, Fazzini 2, Sorrento, Figueroa. 3B—Graham. HR—Crivellone (1), Figueroa (2) Thiege (2), Fulton (3), Alicea (6). SB—Franklin, Mangham, Dull, Fazzini, Marzan. S—Franklin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
South Alabama						
Mills	3	7	7	7	4	4
Rogers, L(1-1)	2 ¹ / ₃	4	5	5	2	1
Raley	¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	0
Kangris	2	5	3	3	5	1
Marino	¹ / ₃	0	0	0	1	1
Florida State						
Smith	2	6	4	4	2	2
Gelmine	1 ¹ / ₃	4	4	3	1	2
Thomas, W(1-1)	3	3	4	4	4	1
Revak, S(3)	2 ² / ₃	1	0	0	3	4

WP—Gelmine 2, Rogers. T—3:52. A—1,021.